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ON

HIS MARRIAGE

WITH

HER ROYAL HIGHNESS

The Princess CAROLINE *of Brunswick.*

DEDICATED TO

THE KING.

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MAY IT PLEASE

Your most excellent Majesty,

To permit one of your ſincere ſubjects to proſtrate himſelf at your Royal Feet, under all the bright ſenſations of

lively gratitude, for the bleſſings reſulting from your Auſpicious Reign, and in ecſtaſies of joy on account of that Union which has taken place betwixt your Majeſty's illuſtrious Son, His Royal Highneſs the Prince of Wales, and Her Royal Highneſs the Princeſs Caroline of Brunſwick: thus may the Houſe of Hanover ſtill reſplendent ſhine, in long ſucceſſion with undiminiſhed rays, to illuminate Britain's happy Iſle! The apology, I preſume, in addreſſing the following ſheets to your Majeſty is, the univerſal felicity the above union diſſeminates throughout the nation. Senſible

of the deſcent of thoſe ſovereign favors, which have long been for the good of the ſubject, individuals are deſirous of their continuance in your Majeſty's diſtinguiſhed Family, which has long been made a bleſſing to the world. May your Majeſty long live, in the full poſ-

ſeſſion of all terreſtrial good, as a preſent reward for thoſe many Virtues that ſhine conſpicuous in your Majeſty's amiable Character! May your Majeſty have increaſing pleaſure in beholding the riſing Branches of your Auguſt Family, as ſo many diffuſive bleſſings to the Land! May your Majeſty's

Royal Conſort for many, many years continue to reflect Luſtre on the Chriſtian Name, by the exemplification of that Goodneſs, which has long exhibited her Character to the World as worthy the imitation of all! The Union of their Royal Highneſſes the Prince and Princeſs of Wales cannot fail to add peculiar ſatisfaction to your Majeſty's mind; as thereby your Majeſties will ſee that your important Stations are likely to be filled up with dignity, and approbation, when it ſhall pleaſe divine Providence to remove your Majeſties from your Spheres of extenſive uſe-

fulneſs upon Earth, to the cloudleſs Manſions reſerved for you in Heaven.

When your Majeſty's loyal Subjects reflect upon the unnumbered Privileges enjoyed by them under your Majeſty's happy Reign, and how highly favored they are above the Inhabitants of other Kingdoms, they are bound to look with ſingular pleaſure on that deſirable event the Marriage of the Prince, as in that a proſpect opens to Poſterity, and the Parent anticipates the bleſſings now poſſeſſed for his Children's Children.

Your Majeſty's Subjects greatly rejoice, at the many demonſtrations of dignity and worth given by your Majeſty's diſtinguiſhed Sons. The Valour of his Royal Highneſs the Duke of York in his late valuable attempts, not leſs ſerviceable than laborious, has reached the Nations of the Earth in ſtrains of the higheſt applauſe, and met the approving eye of thoſe who were witneſſes to it, beyond the power of expreſſion—the penetration and ſagacity he diſcovered from the firſt of the Conteſt, and which marked his ſucceſſive movements, proclaim aloud how fit he is to

fill the Intereſting Poſt in which he ſtands; and whilſt he poſſeſſes the true Characteriſtics of real Greatneſs, his Royal Brother is worthy of every eulogium the Tongue can deſcribe, or thought can paint. In theſe views your Majeſty muſt feel yourſelf Happy, and in them all your Majeſty's Subjects exult. As the happineſs of a free People centers in the munificence of a Gracious Sovereign, and ſuch Britain has to boaſt of, and hopes expand in every Breaſt, that this Indulgence will be continued in the preſent Line to the lateſt poſterity; the ſplendid Nuptials of the

illuſtrious Prince adds vigour to general expectation, and particularly to him who begs leave to ſubſcribe himſelf,

Your Majesty's

devoted Servant,

A Friend to the Constitution.

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SOME ſubjects are not only abſtruſe in their nature, tedious in diſcuſſion, but unpleaſing to the thought: however, the preſent theme poſſeſſes the moſt tranſcendent refulgence, and burſts upon the mind in the celeſtial beams of univerſal approbation——

ſuch is the recent event of your Nuptials, illuſtrious Prince! The expreſſive traits of manly greatneſs, manifeſted in the Power of attraction to all inferior Ranks bear witneſs of your Worth. You ſtand in no need of the borrowed panegyrics of flattery to recommend you to deſerved eſteem. A native elegance, in the Judgment of all, adorns your Manners. The expanſion of the Mind of your Royal Highneſs annihilates the narrow limits of Contraction, and ſcatters from exiſtence the frowns of deſpotiſm. The Generoſity of your Royal Highneſs has endeared

to your ſacred Perſon the Hearts of multitudes, and ſtands upon public record as a full demonſtration of the greatneſs of your Mind. A Prince poſſeſſed of Wiſdom and impartial Generoſity is a bleſſing that far exceeds calculation, and ſuch a one England has to boaſt of, whoſe intellectual Powers, under all the refinements of Acquiſition, diſplay a Brilliancy unparalleled by all the Princes of the Globe. In the Character of your Royal Highneſs ſhines undiſguiſed Humanity; this trait of princely greatneſs emits conſpicuous rays throughout your whole de-

portment, faſcinates the attention of the diſtreſſed, diſſipates the forbidding fear of thoſe who approach your preſence, and reflects meridian light upon your exalted Name. That Nation muſt derive countleſs benefits which is in the poſſeſſion of ſuch a Prince. Intrepidity marks his illuſtrious ſteps; and this ſhould ever attend upon a prince: it dignifies his Proceſſion, and demands attention; it bears him ſuperior to the pointed invective of mean Characters. Stability ornaments the reſt of his engaging Qualities, baniſhes uncertainty from his premiſes, and

records his engagements in uncorrupted veracity. This brilliant Star dazzles the Horizon of all Europe, beautifies the Britiſh Iſles, and excites envy in the Breaſts of foreign Princes. There center at once in this illuſtrious Prince the Gallant Hero, the profound Scholar, the Great Stateſman, the complete Gentleman. To hold him forth in a deſerving Light would eclipſe the Beauties of Language, and exhauſt the Powers of Reflection.

One emphatical illuſtration of the abilities of your Royal Highneſs, is, the Object of your Choice——the Princeſs Caroline of Brunſwick. The Multiplicity of Tears ſhed, the pungent grief felt, the lamentations made upon her departure from her native Land ſufficiently authenticate the Eſteem in which She was held——theſe were the reſult of pure affection: but when recollection forced its way to the Mind, that She was gone to receive an augmentation of Bliſs, in her union with your Royal Highneſs, the clouds of Anguiſh were diſperſed, and the unſullied emanations

of Tranquillity diffuſed their genial warmth through every Breaſt——Satisfaction revived on every Countenance, and each ſolitary gloom forever diſappeared. Well may even her delighted Companions part with her in a proſpect ſo engaging, and every bard cry out " BLEST IS HER FATE!" Thanks to you, ye propitious Gales, which, in ſafety, wafted her to the deſtined Spot; thanks to you, ye ſovereign Powers above, who preſerved her from the raging of the Waves! Every addition that can be made to the Happineſs of your Royal Highneſs is moſt

ardently wiſhed by every Friend to the Britiſh Conſtitution; as your Royal Highneſs's Nuptials happily conſpire to this end, we can but congratulate your Royal Highneſs in all the expanſion of diveſted thought. A Connexion ſo advantageous to the Nation, ſo deſirable in its conſequences, ſo univerſally approved, and ſo auſpicious in itſelf, muſt add to your Royal Highneſs the higheſt Joys of ecſtatic delight. The blooming ſcene aſſimilates the quickening beams of Sol's meridian blaze, and ſcatters ſhades of darkneſs from the Mind.

It does not apppear that any Prince, that ever graced the Britiſh Court, ever poſſeſſed the affections of the people in an equal degree with your Royal Highneſs; and it is evident to a demonſtration, that none ever deſerved them more. As Heir apparent to the Crown, your Royal Highneſs reflects a Luſtre upon the Circles of the Great, and diffuſes animation through the ſublime windings of true Politeneſs. A Prince in your exalted Station is the Centre of the State; in which every ſuperior Line of Greatneſs meets with Elegance Auguſt, and conſequently every

attention from a Britiſh Parliament ought to be paid to your Royal Highneſs; and no doubt it will. The Senate is too conſcious of general Intereſt, too ſagacious, and attentive to the Public Good not to accommodate your Royal Highneſs with that ample Proviſion which is anſwerable to your exalted Station. The Eſtabliſhment of your Royal Highneſs has hitherto been too contracted; and that contraction ariſing from the Senate, lays a foundation for complete emancipation, and an Eſtabliſhment acceſſary to the wiſhes of your Royal Highneſs. This conſidered in

relation to the Marriage of your Royal Highneſs receives accumulated Strength; to recommend it to the views of thoſe, who are ready, at any Inſtance, to bear Teſtimony of genuine Attachment to your Royal Highneſs. I preſume there is not a Nobleman in the Land but what is heartily united to your Royal Highneſs; and even the reduced Peaſants echo the Voice of Applauſe; they hope to ſee your Royal Highneſs in all the Grandeur Earth is capable of producing.

WITHOUT the Sanction of your Royal Highneſs, the Theatres, and every Place of general Amuſement would loſe their force of Entertainment, and Pleaſure would ceaſe to be. Your Royal Highneſs has long befriended all the Liberal Arts; this ſtimulates the Studious in their unwearied Progreſs to remove the difficulties of Science, and introduce it upon a more perfect ſcale. The fertile ſoil of Science in this Kingdom appears in blooming verdure, and claims the pre-eminence compared with that of other ſtates. Were inferior Perſons to act proportionately (ac-

cording to their ſtations) with the Liberality of your Royal Highneſs, it would be an additional vivification to the Commerce of this Country; the Vivacity of Trade derives its influence from the exertions of your Royal Highneſs. A Monarchical Government muſt be acknowledged, by the moſt intelligent, to favour any Land; long has it been a Bleſſing to this——a Neighbouring Nation is the beſt demonſtration of the reverſe, where Libertiniſm, uncontrouled by genial laws, deſtroys the Public Weal. As Monarchy is productive of Favours ſo immenſe, to what heights

of expectation is the general Mind raiſed in the proſpect of ſeeing your Royal Highneſs ſucceeding your illuſtrious Sire upon the Britiſh Throne! Britons can never be inſenſible of the long ſucceſſion of favours connected with a Monarch's Reign. This Kingdom has long been the wonder of the World, becauſe its Government poſſeſſes Pre-eminence to all beſides; in which Happineſs is ſecured to the People, and countleſs Advantages to the State. This Bleſſing continued is the Stability of the Commonwealth, the Beauty of Order, and the

Hereditary Diffuſion of univerſal Philanthropy.

His Majesty's Miniſters at this time are Men of profound Underſtanding, and act with energy from diſintereſted motives for the good of every Citizen; they will neceſſarily expand their Powers for your Royal Highneſs; the influence of the Nation ever demands it at their Hands. An Oppoſition to the Miniſtry always exiſted; but alas! how inconſiderable are they, in point of Number and Sentiment, to thoſe who are ready with

their Lives and Fortunes to bear demonſtration of their Attachment to your Royal Highneſs. There have been ſecret attempts of late to undermine the preſent Government, and introduce irrational Equality; but from the Sagacity of Miniſters theſe attempts were ſoon reduced to deſerved ignominy. The preſent Miniſtry have been blamed by Men of great Ability; but let it be aſked, from what motive? and it will ſoon appear, that their conduct is reprehenſible, and their principles grounded in the aggrandiſement of themſelves. The Continuation of the preſent

War is reprobated by many; but let us aſk, in the Light of Reaſon, if the principles of the French would be more congenial to our Felicity? Would the adoption of their meaſures be productive of Peace, or Confuſion? Reflection ſays, Confuſion in its utmoſt extent. The point which the rage of their enthuſiaſm aims at, is to deſtroy Monarchy, the bleſſing of Mankind, the exiſtence of all Society. The admiſſion of the French into this Kingdom would be the introduction of diſorder, and every kind of Anarchy. No doubt our Miniſters, in their unlimited exer-

tions, will ſo augment our Naval Force, as to bid defiance to their malicious voracity. Our Finances are immenſe; the many Private Characters in this Kingdom poſſeſſed of extenſive Property, ſtand without equal throughout the World. The Reſources of Great Britain are richly ſtored; her Line of Commerce extends to the remoteſt Parts, and bears the Sovereign Plumes of Triumph to other States. We ſtill are capable of Cultivation, and are making progreſs in the path of Improvement. Our Manufacturers have arrived in their various branches to a degree

of aſtoniſhing Perfection, and are ſtill advancing upon the rapid wings of Genius to expand it with greater Luſtre. Your Royal Highneſs has every encouraging Proſpect before you; nor is there any Gloom to be anticipated, calculated to impede the Tranquillity which appears, in the moſt engaging forms, to attend the future ſteps of your Royal Highneſs. The Name of the Britiſh Empire conveys majeſtic terror to foreign Powers, and makes them wiſh to cultivate her pureſt Friendſhip, from a ſecret apprehenſion of her ſuperior Strength. The Com-

manders in our Army and Navy exceed all Praiſe; their Bravery reflects upon them eternal Honor; their Attention and Humanity to their Inferiors may well excite the flaming Zeal of every Soldier and Sailor to act for their Country's Good; even ſuch feel an heroic ambition to demonſtrate the Valour of Engliſhmen, and their Attachment to the Britiſh Throne. While ſuch ardour pervades the general Breaſt, Old England ſtands ſecure, and bids defiance to the frowns of threatening Cruelty; exults in her diſtinguiſhed Privileges, and ſhines upon all her

Inhabitants in bright and tranquil Rays of Safety, and of Peace. Though there are many diſtreſſing Caſes in this Country, eſpecially in this time of War, yet what are they compared with the diſtreſſes of other countries? Thus your Royal Highneſs is incircled with the greateſt preſent Happineſs, and brilliant Proſpects of its Continuance. May your Royal Highneſs and your Royal Conſort long enjoy every Bleſſing on Earth, and after theſe all the Happineſs of Heaven! And now, may the good fortune of this Addreſs, which, from the magnitude of its ſubject, is

ſufficient to recommend it to every loyal Breaſt, meet the approving Eye of Philanthropy, and accumulate a Sufficiency to ſcatter the Glooms of Melancholy from the Habitations of Diſtreſs!

I BEG Leave to ſubſcribe myſelf,

Your Royal Highness's

Moſt devoted Servant,

An Admirer of true Greatneſs.

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